

MYSTERIOUS  
WOMEN THEREAt the Opening of the Thaw  
Trial in New York To-day

## CAME WITH EVELYN THAW

It Is Said That She Will Be Important  
Witness for the Defense, But Pea-  
body, One of Thaw's Counsel,  
Said He Didn't Know Her.

New York, Feb. 4.—Contrary to expectations, no more changes were made this morning in the jury to try Harry Thaw for the murder of Stanford White and at 10:30, Assistant District Attorney Garvan began the opening address for the state.

A mysterious woman appeared in the case today. She came with Mrs. Evelyn Thaw and Miss May McKenzie, the chorus girl, and sat with them in the court room. The unknown was small, well-dressed and pretty, and wore a heavy veil. No one outside the Thaw party knows her. It was stated that she was an important witness. Lawyer Peabody of Thaw's counsel declared that he did not know her. A policeman at the door stopped her, but the insistence of Miss McKenzie finally won her admittance. In his opening address, Mr. Garvan briefly related the story of the crime, concluding with: "The murder was criminal, cruel and malicious, and the state will prove these facts." At the request of District Attorney Jerome, the witnesses for both sides left the room. As Evelyn Thaw passed her husband she took his hand and held it for a moment, then turned away with a big tear trickling down her cheek.

The first witness called was Lawrence White, son of the dead architect, and a student at Harvard. He told how he spent the evening with his father and Mr. King. They dined at the Cafe Martin and went walking to the New American theatre, on to the Harvard club. The witness then took King to the midday train for Boston. He went home and learned from two reporters of his father's death. He went immediately to Madison Square garden, but did not see his father's body. The defense did not cross examine.

Robert Paxton, an engineer, employed in Madison Square garden, described the shooting of White on the evening of June 25. After he had fired three shots, Thaw said to the people surrounding him, "I shot him because he ruined my life."

The most important witness of the morning proved to be Meyer Cohen, the manager of the "Mile Champagne" company, illustrating his statements by advancing on District Attorney Jerome, who said that Thaw walked slowly toward White's table, then stepped aside and approached him from the rear and fired three shots. Thaw watched Cohen's movements with fearful intensity and cried when he fired the imaginary shot.

## MANY HURT, SMALL FIRE.

Rag Shop in New York Was Destroyed  
This Morning.

New York, Feb. 4.—A little rag shop on the first floor of a two-story and basement house on Cherry street, was burned out early today and in the fire half a dozen persons were burned, some perhaps fatally, while others were injured by jumping from windows. All were asleep in the house when the fire was discovered by a policeman.

The following were taken to hospitals:

Mrs. Maggie Cahill, burned, condition critical.

Daniel Cahill, fractured skull and horribly burned.

Mary Henrich, burned about face, hands and lower limbs.

Maggie Smith, injured in jumping from second story window.

Mrs. Annie Hession who jumped from a second story window, August Springeman, William Hartigan, and Margaret Kelley were badly injured.

The crowding of the occupants of the house by the police and the arrival of the firemen threw those living about the rag shop into a panic and in the fire half a dozen persons were burned, some perhaps fatally, while others were injured by jumping from windows. All were asleep in the house when the fire was discovered by a policeman.

## MAY HAVE BEEN MURDER.

Body of Girl Found in Washington, Pa.  
Yesterday.

Washington, Pa., Feb. 4.—The body of Miss Francis Martin, 18 years old, was found in a room in the Forest building in this city early yesterday. Whether she was murdered has not yet been determined. A young man named John Innes, with whom she attended the Lyric theatre Saturday night, has been arrested and is being held to wait the action of the coroner.

The body was discovered by John V. Cook, stage manager of the Lyric theatre, which is across an alley from the Forest building in which the girl died. There are indications that the girl died late Saturday night or early yesterday in the Lyric theatre building and that her body was then taken across a little bridge which connects the theatre and the Forest building.

Cook and his wife say they cannot account for the presence of the body in their room as they did not know Miss Martin nor had they ever seen her before.

A post mortem examination was held by Dr. Shannon, but he refused to make a statement. There were no marks on the body indicating violence. Coroner W. H. Sipe and District Attorney Unsworth, who investigated the case, say it is a mystery. Miss Martin formerly lived in Indiana, Pa. It is said her father and mother still live there.

## THREE BULLET WOUNDS.

Found in Body of Suicide in New York  
Yesterday.

New York, Feb. 4.—G. Sinclair Moulton, a well known hotel man committed suicide by shooting in the Grand Union hotel some time between noon Saturday and noon yesterday. At the time of his death he was president of the Park Gate Hotel company, owners of the Manhattan Square hotel on West 77th street. He had been suffering from stomach trouble for some time and it is believed that his illness was the only cause for the act. At noon Saturday Mr. Moulton left his own hotel and his wife had a search made for him. A maid in the Grand Union hotel found his dead body in a room there at noon yesterday. He had prepared carefully for suicide leaving letters for his wife and several friends. When the body was found a pistol was in the hand and there were three bullet wounds in the body, one in the left temple, the bullet having entered the brain, one in the chest and another in the heart.

Moulton began a hotel life in the Park house in Boston when but 12 years old and remained in the hotel business until his death. He had only recently bought control of the Manhattan Square hotel. He is survived by a wife, married sister living in Boston and a mother living at Wolfboro, N. H.

## DEATH AT WEDDING.

Stranger Shot Himself During Glad  
Occasion in New York.

New York, Feb. 4.—Standing in the doorway of an apartment where guests had assembled to witness a wedding last night, a stranger supposed to be Ulderice Hugron of Waterbury, Conn., blew out his brains. Death was instantaneous and the body tumbled backward down a flight of stairs. The bride and many women guests became hysterical following the tragedy and the marriage ceremony was delayed while the coroner held an impromptu inquiry. The guests viewed the body, each declaring ignorance of the suicide's identity. An hour later the wedding was solemnized.

The guests had gathered at the apartment of James Feeney on Amsterdam avenue for the marriage of Feeney's niece, Bessie Feeney, and Michael Leyton. The presence of the stranger was not noticed until the shot was fired.

## BOTH DRANK LAUDANUM.

Woman Is Dead But Her Companion  
Will Live.

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Asa Kenyon of Oneonta and Mrs. Marie Dedrick of Syracuse, in compliance, according to the police, with an agreement to commit suicide, each drank the contents of an ounce vial of laudanum in a room at the Exchange hotel yesterday. Mrs. Dedrick is dead but it is believed Kenyon will recover.

He is under arrest. The couple have been in Auburn for a week. Kenyon recovered sufficiently to tell the police that he and Mrs. Dedrick agreed to die because they were tired of living. Mrs. Dedrick, care United States Express company, Syracuse, and Mrs. F. N. Adams, 420 South Clinton street, Syracuse, Kenyon wrote to Mrs. H. C. Tubbs, Cooperstown.

## THREE FROZEN TO DEATH.

Fourth Inmate of House Was Badly  
Frozen, but May Recover.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 4.—Miss Emma K. Livingston and two children, for unknown reasons, were found yesterday frozen to death in a tenement here. A third child, a niece, was found badly frozen but alive. The dead children were Alfred L. Livingston, aged 7, and Lincoln B. Livingston, aged 3. The name of the little girl is Helen. Her age is 10.

None of the family had been seen since Thursday, when two of the children attended school. It is supposed that after the family retired Thursday night they became partially asphyxiated by cool gas and the fire died out and they were frozen to death.

The physicians hope to save Helen's life.

## INJURED IN BOXING MATCH.

Inmate of Parish House May Die—Two  
Men Put Under Bail.

New York, Feb. 4.—Thomas Shortell and Alfred G. Harvey, boxing instructor and physical director, respectively, of St. Bartholomew's parish house, were held in \$1,000 bail each yesterday, to await developments in the case of John Mason, who was injured in a boxing match at the parish house, and who may die. They are charged with aiding and abetting a private boxing match.

## BOY WAS INSANE.

So Jury Pronounced Him Not Guilty of  
Charge of Murder.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 4.—Chester Thompson, 18 years old, on trial for the murder of Judge Meade Emery in Seattle in July, 1906, was found not guilty by reason of insanity yesterday. The defendant is a nephew of the late Maurice Thompson, the novelist, and son of William H. Thompson, the poet.

## MRS. ALICE QUITE ILL.

President Concerned Over His Daughter's  
Illness.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, wife of Representative Longworth of Ohio, and daughter of the president, is ill at her home in this city with what is stated at her home to be a slight attack of grippe. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt spent some time at the Longworth home yesterday and were very much concerned about their daughter's health when they were informed by the attending physician that her temperature had gone up to 102. Mrs. Longworth contracted a severe cold while attending the White House reception last Thursday night and has been confined to her bed for three days.

CLOSE CALL  
AT SHELDONPoorhouse Containing 60  
People Caught Fire

## IN MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT

Fireman, Ned Clark, Was Awakened by  
Crackling of Flames, and Suc-  
ceeded in Putting Out the  
Flames

Sheldon, Feb. 4.—The Sheldon poorhouse, housing 60 people, came near burning yesterday morning early, and had it not been for the fireman there would probably have been a great loss of life. At one o'clock that morning the fireman, Ned Clark, filled up the furnace with coal and retired. Three hours later he was awakened by the crackling of flames. An examination showed that flames had caught over a furnace pipe which was wound with asbestos. He soon got this fire out, but then discovered that there was another blaze under the floor of what used to be the old kitchen. A hole had already been burned in the floor in several places, and considerable quantities of fire were being extinguished. Meanwhile, H. E. Deving, the manager of the farm, had ordered the inmates of the building to dress as quickly as possible, to be ready to go to safety should the fire get beyond control. The loss will not be over \$100. The building is well insured.

MINISTER BRINGS SUIT  
FOR HIS SALARYClaims That Parish Refuses to Pay Him  
in Full for His Services—Attaches  
Bank Account.

Brattleboro, Feb. 4.—Because his former parish in Chesterfield, N. H., refuses to pay his salary in full, Rev. H. A. Jones of Wardsboro has had the church fund in savings banks in this town attached pending a hearing. Jones is a Methodist minister. In 1905 he preached in two parishes in Chesterfield, one the "Center" and one in the village of Spofford.

He claims that the parish in Spofford agreed to pay him \$300, and that the other parish agreed to raise a like amount and in addition to furnish him a house to live in. No action is brought against the Spofford parish. Mr. Jones claims that his pay from the other parish fell short of the amount pledged by about \$100, and he has brought suit to recover, attaching funds in the Brattleboro Savings bank and the Vermont Savings bank.

## CASE IS SETTLED.

One of Wide-spread Interest Started by  
Catholic Diocese of Vermont.

Rutland, Feb. 4.—The famous case in probate court of which the Catholic diocese of Vermont was plaintiff, has been settled by Commissioners Fild and D. W. Temple of this city. Bishop McLeod, agent of the diocese, brought over of about \$1,700 from the estate of Rev. Thomas Lynch of Fair Haven. The claim was that the priest collected money belonging to the diocese and never turned it over.

The estate filed a counter claim for \$5,000, which was alleged to have been paid by Fr. Lynch for building a new parsonage. Both these claims were disallowed, but it was decided that a note for \$700 held by the estate must be paid by the diocese. The case has attracted wide attention.

## RAIDS NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Lures Were Made on Sunday by County  
and City Officers.

Three raids for liquor were made in this city yesterday forenoon by county officers Slayton, Camp, Lawson and Cui, and city officers Hanel and Denno. They went to the houses of Mrs. Connolly on Foster street and S. Connolly, Mr. Douglas on Granite street extension. They did not find any liquor in any of the places.

Dr. Samuel Sheldon, professor of physics in the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Polytechnic Institute, was elected second vice-president of the United Engineering society for three years and a member of the board of directors if the John Fritz Medal association for four years, both being appointments of high honor, within the last week. Doctor Sheldon is a son of Mrs. Mary B. Sheldon of Middlebury, and a graduate of Middlebury college, class of 1898. He is a brother of Dr. W. H. Sheldon and Mrs. G. D. Miner, of that town.

The law firm of Scaries and Smith at St. Johnsbury dissolved partnership and Abner Smith went into the firm of Dunnett and Black which will hereafter be known as Dunnett, Black and Smith. The junior partner is a graduate of the university of Michigan law school and the firm of which he becomes a member is one of the leading ones in that section of the state. J. Rolf Scaries will continue in his profession alone.

Surveyors have been driving stakes for the round house that is to be erected just north of the present freight house in Bennington next summer. The same surveyors are soon to work on the Chatham division of the Rutland railroad and it is said that a new round house will be built out by which about twelve miles of road can be saved between Bennington and Chatham.

## RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Harriett J. Herrick of Middlesex  
Died Friday Night.

Mrs. Harriett J. Herrick, mother of W. H. Herrick of Montpelier, died on Friday evening at 11:30 o'clock of heart trouble from which she had suffered for a long time. The deceased was born in Moretown, just over the line from Middlesex, 81 years old and had spent her life in the latter town. Although not a church member Mrs. Herrick was a regular attendant on the services at the Union church in Middlesex and was in sympathy with the Methodist denomination. Her husband died in 1891 and for some time she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Ward. The funeral services were held at the home of Mrs. Ward this afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. Lucius F. Reed officiating. Mrs. Herrick leaves many friends who mourn her death.

Mrs. Clara C. Perkins, of Lyndonville, who died recently, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Damery and was born in Belgrade, Me., May 9, 1818. In 1839, June 11, she was married to the Rev. Seth W. Perkins, a Baptist minister, who preached in northern New England and Canada for forty-five years. Their children were Clara, who died in infancy; Winona, now Mrs. Fred Harvey, of Sandy Hill, N. Y.; Eugene, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Mrs. Ellen A. Prescott, of Lyndonville, with whom Mrs. Perkins had made her home for the past eight years.

John Dunn, one of East Dorset's oldest residents, died of old age January 28. Mr. Dunn was born August 10, 1817, in Balanguary, Tipperary county, Ireland. He came from Ireland to Massachusetts in his early manhood, and to Vermont in 1830, at this time the railroad was put through from Rutland to East Dorset. He worked on this road for twenty years, and during part of that time was foreman. He had no disease, but died of feebleness due to old age. He is survived by five sons, Dan, of Rutland (by his first wife, John's daughter, Deborah, of Waltham, Mass., Richard, and Michael, of Wisconsin.

Harrison W. Hunter, who died January 22 at his home in Lyndonville, was a member of Farnsworth Post, G. A. R., and had an honorable war record. He enlisted January 1, 1863, in Company K, 8th Vermont Infantry, Vermont Volunteers, and served three years. He was in a number of engagements, and was also imprisoned, both in Libby and Andersonville prisons. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

## CHELSEA.

Charles I. Hood came Saturday  
to visit his brother, William F. Hood.

A. Fay Allen has recently placed a People's telephone in his residence on Jail street.

John McCallum has returned from Randolph, where he has been with friends for several weeks.

Miss Emma Carr is at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Carr, to spend her vacation from teaching in Orange.

The selectmen were at the town farm Saturday to make the annual appraisal of the town's property at the farm.

W. H. Gilleland, who has been a boarder at Richard H. Kennedy's for several weeks, has returned to his home in Boston.

Mrs. W. P. Townsend returned Friday from a visit of several weeks to her daughter, Miss Blanche M. Townsend of Boston.

Miss Sybil George, who recently went west from here, is working in the store of her uncle, Fred W. Edwards of Parkeville, Wis.

Mrs. Lucy Beckwith went on Saturday to West Lebanon, where she will spend several weeks with her niece, Mrs. Frank H. Kenison.

Mrs. Louise Wentworth, housekeeper for Frank J. Titus, recently entertained her sister, Mrs. Lena Howe, and daughter, of Royalton.

Madam Marshall has gone to Searsboro, N. H., to visit her son, the Rev. Benjamin T. Marshall, who has a parish at that place.

Sheriff Frank H. Tracy and wife of Montpelier are visiting friends in town, and while here are the guests of Mr. Tracy's sister, Mrs. Roxana Jones.

Arthur W. Carpenter, secretary of the newly organized grange in Chelsea, was recently in Roxbury in the interest of the grange recently organized at that place.

Col. and Mrs. H. O. Bixby recently entertained at their guests George A. Denmore of Lebanon, N. H., and his cousin, Worth Denmore of Seattle, Wash.

Henry Alexander of Tunbridge and Mary Belle Camp of Randolph were married Saturday, January 24, at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. L. N. Moody.

Attorney David S. Conant of Bradford was in town Thursday on business, as were Walter Hoy and George H. Russell of Stratford and Walter W. Perkins of Brookfield.

Sheriff W. H. Sprague was in Montpelier Friday to have the sheriff's and judge's accounts for the December term of court audited by State Auditor Horace E. Graham.

School in district No. 7, taught by Miss Gladys C. Ballous, closed January 25, and the school in district No. 17, taught by Miss Leibel Leavenway of Milton, closed February 2.

It is reported that Fred Ackerman, who has had charge of the poor farm in Winchendon, Mass., for several years, will return to his farm on "East Hill" in the spring and during the summer will repair the buildings.

The funeral of the late Joseph French was held from his late home on Friday, February 1st, the Rev. L. N. Moody officiating, and the interment was in Highland cemetery, the bearers being two sons-in-law, John and Milo Sanborn, and two grandsons, Archie and Fred Sanborn.

CONSOLIDATED  
BUYS VILES CO.Business Deal Involving Hund-  
reds of Thousands.

## HAS BEEN CONSUMMATED

Combined Plants Gives the Largest Light  
and Power Plant in New England  
—Mr. Viles Plans for the  
Winter.

A very large business transaction, involving several hundred thousand dollars, has just been consummated, whereby the Consolidated Electric company buys out the Viles Lighting and Power company. The price paid is not given, but it is said to be considerably larger than that paid for the Consolidated company a year ago, when it was purchased by western and New York capitalists, which price was over \$300,000. The Consolidated company, whose main office is in Montpelier, will assume all the contracts for lights and power held by the Viles company.

Mr. Viles has thus disposed of all his property in this vicinity, having recently sold the Pavilion hotel in Montpelier to T. J. Heaphy for \$60,000. He stated today that he intends to leave soon for North Carolina, where he will spend several months hunting. Since an attack of pneumonia a short time ago his health has not been of the best. Mrs. Viles died last fall. Mr. Viles came to Montpelier and bought the Pavilion twenty years ago, running it successfully since that time. He started his electric light and power plant twelve years ago, having his plant at Middlesex Narrows. At that time he, with considerable expenditure, installed a 150-kilowatt machine for Montpelier and later put in a similar machine for Barre. Since then the business has grown so rapidly that he has two 750-kilowatt machines, besides one spare machine of 350 kilowatts. A water wheel at the Middlesex plant has a capacity of 2,400 horse power and besides this he has a steam engine.

The combined power of this plant and the one operated by the Consolidated company at Bolton will make the largest light and power plant in New England, having 6,000 water horse power and 3,500 kilowatts, or a total of 10,000. The date of the formal transfer was February 1, but the announcement was not made public until this afternoon.

The Consolidated company will operate the same as heretofore and under the plan agreed upon with purchasers of the power and light. Formerly the Viles company, under a short time ago, having found that some were abusing the privilege, he began to install meters, so that now a majority of the users of the Viles current are on the meter system. The Consolidated company has been on this system for some time.

The Viles company has furnished electricity in Barre, Montpelier and Middlesex, while the Consolidated company has customers in Barre, Montpelier, Williston, East Barre, South Barre and Granville, besides furnishing power for the street railroad and the lights for the streets of Barre and Montpelier.

The officers of the purchasing company are: president, W. F. Davidson of Port Huron, Mich.; vice president, J. C. Tomlinson of New York; treasurer, A. D. Bennett of New York; secretary and general manager, J. E. Davidson of Montpelier. The negotiations for transfer of the Viles plant were made by the general manager and Mr. Viles.

## JANUARY A COLD MONTH.

Average Temperature Was Coldest in  
Twenty Years.

Northfield, Feb. 4.—Forecaster W. A. Shaw of the weather bureau station reports a mean temperature for January of 13 degrees, which is two degrees lower than the average January temperature for the last 20 years. The maximum was 50 on the 20th and the minimum was 27 on the 17th. On 15 days the temperature fell below zero. Beginning with the 21st this was the case every day until the end of the month. The precipitation for the month amounted to 1.48 inches, the average January precipitation for 20 years being 2.47 inches. Nine inches of snow fell. The prevailing wind was from the north and the average hour velocity was 8.3 miles. The maximum velocity was 48 miles an hour from the southwest on the 20th. There were only two clear days in the month, with 11 partly cloudy. Rain or snow fell on 17 days. Sleet was noted on the 2nd, 8th and 19th, solar halos on the 7th and 31st and lunar halos on the 24th and 25th.

## ROUGHERS AT THE TOP.

Lead in the City Candle Pin League—  
Brown and Alexander High Men.

The standing of the various teams of the candle pin league to date is as follows:

	Wm	Lo	Pk
Roughers	7	4	435
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Carvers	6	5	342
Lumpers	6	5	345
Nippers	4	11	268

Individual Averages.

Brown	91	Alexander	91
Gilley	89	Cabelloni	89
White	88	Nuti	87
Walsh	86	Nicori	86
Rossi	85	Blanchi	85
El Smith	85		

October Around drove from Winooki to Burlington one morning recently that is claimed to be the largest single team load of bottles ever piled on one sleigh in Burlington. There were one hundred cases of twenty-four bottles each, in the load, a total of 2,400 bottles.

## HEALEY-NELSON.

Miss Lilla C. Nelson and J. Alfred Healey  
Married This Morning.

Joseph Alfred Healey and Miss Lilla Cushing Nelson were united in marriage at 7:30 o'clock this morning at St. Monica's church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. F. Cray and was witnessed by a small party of friends and relatives. The bridegroom was Miss Bertha Tierney, and Thomas Healey of Granville, brother of the groom, acted as best man. Following the ceremony a delightful wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home, No. 1, Forsyth place. Both the dining-room and the parlor, in which a short reception was held, were very prettily decorated. Mr. and Mrs. Healey left on the 8:45 train for Montreal, and on their return will reside at 51 Park street.

The groom is employed as bookkeeper in the office of the Consolidated Electric company. The bride has been a stenographer in the office of A. E. Bruce & Sons. Both have a large circle of friends who will wish them happiness.

## GETS LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Rev. W. A. Kinzie Is Going to World's  
Sunday School Meeting in Rome.

The First Baptist church has voted a ten weeks' leave of absence to its pastor, the Rev. W. A. Kinzie, beginning on May 1 to enable him to attend the World's Sunday school convention which will be held in Rome, Italy, from May 20 to 23. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Kinzie, and after the convention they expect to tour seven European countries as follows: Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France and England. They will leave New York for their trip on May 4 by way of the Italian line. If any anticipate taking the trip Mr. Kinzie would be pleased to communicate with them.

So far as known at present Mr. and Mrs. Kinzie are the only persons from Vermont who have arranged to attend the convention, although there will be from 800 to 1,000 people from the United States present at the convention. The convention itself will be a very large gathering, as a great number from England and the European countries are planning to attend.

## CITY POLITICS.

Little Change in the Situation from a  
Week Ago.

It has been a week since The Times mentioned municipal politics, but that week has brought few changes in the situation. B. H. Wells, who was being talked of as a candidate for mayor, says that while he appreciates the compliment implied, he hasn't the time to give to the duties of the office and therefore is not a candidate. This leaves the field to Robbins and Currier, with some talk of ex-Alderman J. J. Mackenzie as a labor candidate.

In ward 3, where friends of L. R. Hutchinson were urging him to run for alderman, the situation has changed to the extent of Mr. Hutchinson's declining to run, although he appreciates the interest his friends have displayed.

In ward 5, John B. Casselini is being mentioned as a possible candidate for alderman in addition to those already mentioned.

In ward 1 Alderman Milne has decided to go into the caucus and try for a re-nomination.

## A NATIVE OF STRAFFORD.

William P. Spencer Died at Lebanon,  
N. H., Saturday.

Lebanon, N. H., Feb. 4.—William P. Spencer, a highly respected resident of this town, died at his home on Green street Saturday afternoon of a brief illness. He was born in Stratford, Vt., and was 58 years of age. He was a member of the firm of Spencer Brothers, wood workers. He had lived in Lebanon for the last forty years. He married Mabel Cole, daughter of the late Solomon Cole, who survives. They also two children, Mildred, aged 16, and Marjorie, aged 14 years; one brother, C. M. Spencer, and two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Hildreth, and Mrs. W. B. Cole, all of this town. He was a member of Franklin Lodge, F. and A. M. St. Andrew's Royal Arch chapter, R. A. F., and Sullivan lodge, Knights Templar, of Claremont. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon.

## TAKES THE PLEDGE.

John Sawyer Thus Avoids Paying His  
Fine.

John Sawyer was arraigned in city court this morning on the charge of intoxication. He pleaded guilty to a second offense and was fined \$15 and costs of \$7.35. According to the new law enacted by the legislature, he was allowed by the court to sign the pledge of total abstinence for six months and pay only the costs. The payment of the fine is cancelled providing he keeps the pledge. This is the first case in which the new law has been used by the local court.

## RANDOLPH.

Miss Mary Morse returned home Friday  
from a week in Boston.

Eight couples enjoyed a strawride to Bethel Friday night and an oyster supper at the Benson house.

The funeral of Mrs. William Tobey, who died Thursday morning of blood poisoning, was held Sunday at one o'clock at the home of S. B. Day, the Rev. Frank Baker officiating.

The boys who played basket ball here on the Northfield Independents and did some "rough house" work at Cottage hotel, were brought here from Northfield Saturday and settled with proprietors for \$45 damage done to furniture.

About 200 were at the Bethany church roll call Friday night and over 100 at the covered rail. An address was given by the pastor, the Rev. Francis Metzger, and one by Deacon A. B. Tuckersbury. After this refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. A collection of \$75 was taken. Saturday night the children enjoyed a party at the church.

ANOTHER  
CONFERENCERequest of Central Vermont  
R. R. Is Granted

## MEET HERE WEDNESDAY

Some Small Effort Being Made to Pla-  
cate the Merchants and Manu-  
facturers Who Petitioned  
Railroad Commission.

There will be no meeting of the State Railroad Commission in Barre tomorrow to hear complaints of the Barre Manufacturers' and the Barre Granite Manufacturers' associations regarding poor service afforded by the Central Vermont railroad. This does not mean that the corporation has agreed to the proposition advanced by the local interests, nor does it mean that great reforms have been made in the railroad service. It means that the railroad asked for another conference which was granted by the Barre parties. Wednesday of this week has been set as the date of the conference. It was stated that the general management, G. C. Jones, had to be in Ottawa today and tomorrow, and the conference would have been held sooner. Consequently, the sitting of the railroad commission has been set ahead one more week.

The Central Vermont's attorney, C. W. Witters, complains that some of the propositions advanced are a practical impossibility in the present condition of the company, and it is to talk over these that he wishes to meet the Barre parties once more. The company also wishes to insert a conditional clause or most of the promises. The Barre complaints were willing to attach a condition making the fulfillment of agreement depend on the absence of strikes and providential causes, but in the negotiations refused to agree to any wider and